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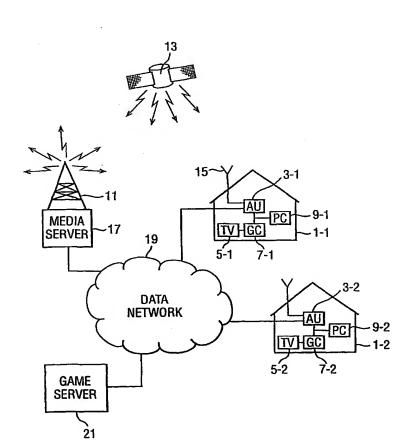
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(54) Title: GAMES CONSOLE ADAPTOR UNIT



(57) Abstract: An adaptor is provided for a games console which allows users to gain interactive television access to services through the games console. The adaptor includes a television tuner for receiving broadcast television channels, a communications controller which controls communications between the adaptor and the games console and an interface for interfacing the adaptor to the games console. In a preferred embodiment, the adaptor also includes a hard disc for storing video data and for storing game history data. The adaptor may also include a modem via which the user can gain access to remote servers connected to a data network.

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